

**641—134.1 (147A) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

*“Categorization”* means a preliminary determination by the department that a hospital or emergency care facility is capable of providing trauma care at Level I, II, III or IV care capabilities.

*“Certificate of verification”* means a document awarded by the department that identifies a hospital or emergency care facility’s level and term of verification as a trauma care facility.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of public health.

*“Director”* means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

*“Emergency care facility”* means a physician’s office, clinic, or other health care center which provides emergency medical care in conjunction with other primary care services.

*“Emergency medical care provider”* means an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic, paramedic specialist or other certification levels recognized by the department before 1984 and who has been issued a certificate by the department.

*“Hospital”* means any hospital licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B.

*“On-site verification survey”* means an on-site survey conducted by the department to assess a hospital or emergency care facility’s ability to meet the level of categorization requested.

*“Trauma”* means a single or multisystem life-threatening or limb-threatening injury, or an injury requiring immediate medical or surgical intervention or treatment to prevent death or permanent disability.

*“Trauma care facility”* means a hospital or emergency care facility which provides trauma care and has been verified by the department as having Resource (Level I), Regional (Level II), Area (Level III) or Community (Level IV) care capabilities and has been issued a certificate of verification pursuant to Iowa Code section 147A.23, subsection 2, paragraph “c.”

*“Trauma care system”* means an organized approach to providing personnel, facilities, and equipment for effective and coordinated trauma care.

*“Verification”* means a process by which the department certifies a hospital or emergency care facility’s capacity to provide trauma care in accordance with criteria established for Resource (Level I), Regional (Level II), Area (Level III) or Community (Level IV) trauma care facilities and these rules.